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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 11-84250, published March 26, 1999 together with an English language abstract; and
2. Japanese Patent Application Laid Open No. 11-133306, published May 21, 1999 together with an English language abstract.

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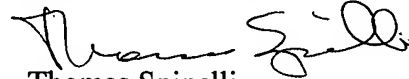
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Applicants are submitting copies of the above-cited references. The relevance of the above-cited references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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